

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 9/17/71

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: LETTER TO MRS. KATHARINE GRAHAM
PUBLISHER
THE WASHINGTON POST, 9/7/71
CONCERNING LIES IN JACK ANDERSON'S COLUMN

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The Director will recall that under date of 9/7/71 he sent a letter to Mrs. Katharine Graham pointing out lies in two recent Jack Anderson columns which appeared in her paper. "The Washington Post" has printed the Director's letter in its issue of September 17, 1971. In reading the letter as it appears in "The Washington Post," it was noted by Bishop that the Post has made a typographical error in reproducing the letter. In the 4th paragraph, the sentence should read "...with Departmental Task Force support and assistance, in Michigan last May. These resulted in the arrest of" Instead, as printed in the Post, this statement is "...with departmental task force support and assistance. In Michigan last May these resulted in the arrest of"

On 9/17/71, Bishop telephoned [redacted] of "The Washington Post," who controls what appears in the "Letter to the Editor" column, and advised him that there was an error in the letter of Mr. Hoover reproduced in the Post. He was quite flabbergasted and expressed great dismay. He immediately asked "Is the mistake ours?" Bishop informed him that the mistake was, indeed, that of "The Washington Post" and was another example of the inaccuracies which appear in this paper. He apologized for the mistake stating that it probably occurred in the composing room.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
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Letters To ^{A-27}The Editor

FBI Director on Two Anderson Columns

My purpose in writing is to set the record straight concerning two of Jack Anderson's more recent columns—both published in The Washington Post—which falsely and unfairly belittle and derogate personnel of the FBI. I limit this letter to two of Anderson's recent columns because there is not enough stationery at our headquarters, nor are there enough hours in the workweek, to issue public denials of all the misinformation which this purveyor of fiction has written regarding the FBI.

The two columns to which I direct your attention were published in The Washington Post on Aug. 18 and Sept. 2. The former makes the completely false and baseless allegation that disciplinary action was taken against the FBI agent whose very skillful, decisive, and proper action in New York last July brought a successful end to an airplane hijacking. As a matter of fact, not only was this agent not disciplined, but I personally commended him and also gave him a meritorious cash award for his outstanding performance of duty in this case. In addition, he has also been selected for an assignment involving additional responsibility.

The Sept. 2 column irresponsibly charges the FBI with failing to cooperate with the Justice Department's strike forces in the fight against organized crime. Again, contrary to the false picture which Anderson would paint, the FBI, with the approval of the Attorney General, has assigned liaison agents to the strike forces in the field and at headquarters and uses many hundreds of agents to combat organized crime and develop cases which are prosecuted by the strike forces.

To exemplify both the genuine nature and

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the high caliber of this cooperation. let me cite the gambling raids which our agents carried out, with departmental task force support and assistance. In Michigan last May, these resulted in the arrest of more than 150 persons by FBI personnel equipped with search warrants, affidavits, and warrants of arrest, prepared in close conjunction with task force attorneys.

This workable, effective, cooperative relationship has contributed to a growing record of accomplishments against organized crime across the country. During the 1971 fiscal year, for example, an all-time high 631 federal convictions of organized crime figures were recorded in FBI cases. Furthermore, as the fiscal year ended, FBI organized crime cases involving more than 1,900 other persons, including six national syndicate leaders, were in various stages of prosecution.

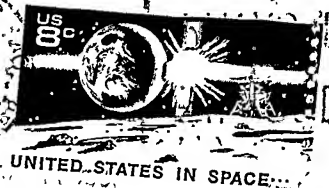
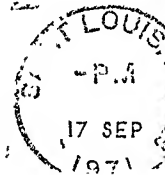
In addition, information originally developed by the FBI and disseminated to local state and other federal authorities enabled the recipient agencies to make more than 3,700 arrests in the organized crime field during the 1971 fiscal year. Many of these arrests involved narcotics charges, a most serious area of the crime problem to which Anderson falsely asserts this bureau has been insensitive.

Since Anderson's false statements regarding these matters were published in your newspaper, I am confident that you will share my view that your readers are entitled also to see this factual refutation and statement of truth.

J. EDGAR HOOVER,

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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